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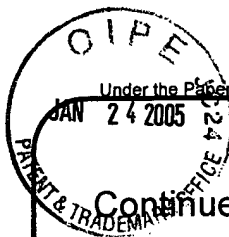
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Art Unit	2841
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Examiner: Vu, Phuong T.

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Group Art Unit: 2841

Title: DISK STORAGE SYSTEM WITH REMOVABLE ARRAYS OF DISK DRIVES

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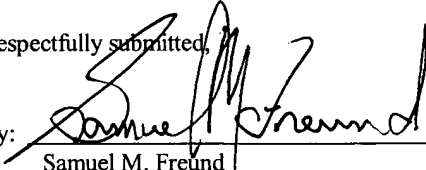
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